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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1951.

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth, 1st May, 1951.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1950, was estimated to be 573,671, comprising 295,102 Males and 278,569 Females.

On the 30th September, 1950, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 304,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		<u>FEBRUARY</u>		<u>2 Months ended FEBRUARY</u>	
		<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>
Marriages	Number	447	533	973	984
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	10.13	12.67	10.47	11.12
Births	Number	1,227	1,141	2,487	2,313
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	27.79	27.12	26.76	26.25
Deaths	Number	396	364	815	742
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	8.97	8.65	8.77	8.39
Infant Mortality	Number	45	32	105	75
	Rate per 1000 Live Births	36.67	28.05	42.22	32.43
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>					
Tuberculosis		11	14	15	22
Cancer		58	55	111	107
Influenza		-	1	-	2
Diphtheria		-	-	1	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		36	33	79	74
Arteriosclerosis		8	12	20	20
Diseases of the Heart		118	112	227	206
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia		14	7	32	20
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		9	3	18	14
Nephritis		4	4	11	10
Diseases of Early Infancy		26	21	59	45
Senility		1	5	5	11
Accidents		29	28	73	70
All Other Causes		82	64	164	140
<u>Total</u>		<u>396</u>	<u>364</u>	<u>815</u>	<u>742</u>

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

/ Deaths under one year.

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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the following offices:

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March totalled 320,031 acres, an increase of 196,719 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,056,780 acres, an increase of 917,384 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	2,172,826	2,202,701	18,976,326	17,310,199
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3. 15. 5d.	£4. 0. 0d.	£33. 9. 4d.	£31.18.4d.
Expenditure	2,652,744	2,173,061	20,092,660	17,644,850
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£4. 12. 0d.	£3.18.11d.	£35. 8. 9d.	£32.10.8d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st March amounted to £43,300,049 or £75.0.10d. per head of population as against £38,709,644 or £70.2.5d. per head as at the 31st March last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 28th March 1951, amounted to £11,341,376 compared with £9,168,922 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds		MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Transfers	No.	2,169	2,097	18,414	15,785
	£	3,086,250	2,027,079	21,142,516	13,387,806
Mortgages	No.	1,253	1,372	12,630	9,802
	£	1,640,873	1,459,554	15,922,298	10,874,896
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	956	1,058	8,641	7,854

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
Nine Months ended March, 1950	17,028,078	11,038,356	35,972,232	1,788,742
Nine Months ended March, 1951	21,595,500	15,422,211	42,988,543	2,204,016
Month of March, 1950	2,303,835	1,795,230	4,200,097	205,442
Month of March, 1951	2,412,865	1,841,572	5,643,630	276,201

Month of March 1951	5'075'992	1'000'115	2'075'230	515'807
Month of March 1950	5'102'032	1'002'520	1'500'001	502'115
March 1951	51'282'200	12'335'571	15'888'212	5'501'076
March 1950	11'000'115	11'000'115	11'000'115	1'000'115
	3	3	3	3
	(100%)	(100%)		
of March	March	March	March	March
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Disbursement of March 1951	1'000'115	1'000'115	1'000'115	1'000'115
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COMPANIES REGISTERED.

89 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,834,000 and 35 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended March, 1951. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 76 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,166,000 and 52 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Nine Months ended MARCH					
	1951			1950		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	21	65,579	35,304	18	28,506	45,923
Deeds of Assignment(a)	12	28,877	29,686	13	39,390	18,517
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		JANUARY		7 Months ended DECEMBER	
		1951	1950	1951	1950
Gross Earnings (a)	£	569,800	550,600	3,965,700	3,594,700
Working Expenses (a)	£	752,071	600,886	4,768,425	4,117,444
Train Miles Run	No.	596,000	584,094	4,202,096	3,812,377
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	157,304	130,905	939,031	660,980
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	882,298	916,225	6,336,262	6,439,277
Motor Bus	No.	52,069	47,732	310,989	276,316
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		259,225	227,639	1,665,690	1,528,353
Livestock		12,904	14,522	97,138	99,036
Departmental (Free Freight)		74,770	37,951	486,583	305,156
Total		346,899	280,112	2,249,411	1,932,545
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		39,110,100	36,834,963	256,797,086	234,125,354
Livestock		1,493,529	1,344,563	12,391,560	12,507,492
Departmental (Free Freight)		8,199,193	6,282,613	59,003,823	47,932,943
Total		48,802,822	44,462,139	328,192,469	294,565,789

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

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Net Ton Mileage of -	8,199,193	6,282,613	29,003,823	47,932,943
	Departmental			
	Livestock			
	1,493,229	1,344,263	12,391,260	12,507,492
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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
Year 1950	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
<u>1951 -</u>								
January	264	137	3	123	507	458	5	208
February	348	177	2	137	654	526	5	224

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1948 -</u>								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
June	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
December	26,245	11,989	402	7,286	43,981	40,412	781	11,740
<u>1950 -</u>								
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
December	31,223	13,490	494	8,230	52,185	42,792	903	13,030
<u>1951 -</u>								
January	31,463	13,645	497	8,341	51,830	41,257	898	12,853
February	31,656	13,783	498	8,437	52,904	42,942	917	13,256

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for February, 1951, 124 Cars; 781 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 8 Buses and 14 Motor Cycles. (Revised from previous statements).

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, February, 1951 and 1950 and 8 months ended February, 1951 and 1950, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		8 Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Oversea	£A,000 3,381	£A,000 3,840	£A,000 26,597	£A,000 21,631	£A,000 10,117	£A,000 4,734	£A,000 62,064	£A,000 35,241
Interstate	3,600	1,744	29,982	22,114	998	406	5,628	3,886
<u>TOTAL</u>	6,981	5,584	56,579	43,745	11,115	5,140	67,692	39,127

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	(b)3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
<u>1950 -</u>										
Mar. Qr.	200	179	557	764	10	58	66	124	833	1,125
June Qr.	281	267	787	1,088	8	46	92	106	1,168	1,507
Sep. Qr.	317	342	924	1,301	9	61	122	187	1,372	1,891
Dec. Qr.	515	577	1,063	1,574	14	98	148	234	1,740	2,483

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(b) Includes 280 individual Flat units, and 1 Shop and dwelling combined for a total value of £279,000.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
<u>1950 -</u>										
Mar. Qr.	294	465	51	43	375	402	7	6	727	916
June Qr.	408	659	86	76	499	547	13	12	1,006	1,294
Sept. Qr.	431	745	84	77	623	721	11	10	1,149	1,553
Dec. Qr.	576	1,013	116	115	765	902	24	20	1,481	2,050

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

437,058 lbs. were produced during February, 1951 and 13,082,717 lbs. for the eight months ended February, 1951, as against 369,237 and 13,200,701 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1950.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	MARCH		3 Months ended MARCH	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	48,178	42,351	150,513	139,836
Value (Aust. Currency) £	746,354	656,576	2,331,703	2,167,055

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the three months ended March, 1951, amounted to £82,801. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1950 amounted to £218,728.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	MARCH QR.		12 Months ended MARCH		MARCH QUARTER		12 Months ended MARCH	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
Metropolitan Area	1795	1514	1667	1476	1712	1479	1596	1445
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1922	1648	1797	1609	1782	1571	1689	1535
Northam	1814	1537	1682	1494	1732	1494	1610	1457
Bunbury	1805	1517	1682	1480	1719	1499	1614	1460
Geraldton	1849	1554	1710	1511	1809	1546	1677	1508
Collie	1807	1530	1680	1493	1643	1419	1533	1386

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1950			1951		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	117,756	38,819	156,575	123,741	40,324	164,065
February	118,064	39,050	157,114	124,946	41,182	166,128
March	119,009	39,708	158,717			
April	119,440	39,726	159,166			
May	120,616	39,755	160,371			
June	120,479	39,952	160,431			
July	120,412	39,753	160,165			
August	121,263	40,015	161,278			
September	121,691	40,367	162,058			
October	121,871	40,343	162,214			
November	122,889	40,583	163,472			
December	123,146	41,199	164,345			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1947	1948	1949(a)	1950(a)	1951(a)	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
January	162	171	179	199	204	1134	1233	1354	1410	1490
February	164	172	182	196	207	1138	1249	1358	1387	1495
March	166	176	186	198		1145	1264	1371	1415	
April	167	176	187	199		1144	1264	1377	1415	
May	168	177	187	201		1151	1277	1354	1418	
June	167	177	187	201		1153	1277	1362	1429	
July	167	177	182	200		1168	1301	1381	1423	
August	167	179	187	201		1181	1294	1377	1419	
September	168	180	191	202		1172	1302	1365	1428	
October	168	180	191	203		1184	1318	1375	1431	
November	169	182	192	203		1215	1349	1402	1450	
December	170	182	193	203		1267	1385	1470	1531	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1949 -									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	100	1	101	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260
1950 -									
January	69	3	72	146	8	154	160	18	178
February	46	7	53	56	5	61	150	20	170
March	36	5	41	49	5	54	137	20	157
April	45	10	55	86	10	96	96	20	116
May	52	10	62	53	8	61	95	22	117
June	105	19	124	114	19	133	86	22	108
July	93	22	115	77	15	92	102	29	131
August	72	10	82	65	17	82	109	22	131
September	39	12	41	39	8	47	109	26	135
October	26	6	32	37	8	45	98	24	122

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
30th April, 1951	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	9. 4. 3.	5. 4. 1.	9. 4. 1.	5. 4. 1.	9. 8. 5.	5. 6. 3.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

Particulars	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1951	1950	1951	1950
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	24,252	22,479	201,908	171,376
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	22,479	20,563	185,324	156,630

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
March, 1951	6,349	296	59,984	7,777
March, 1950	6,923	359	66,515	7,453
3 Months ended March, 1951	18,383	1,120	195,246	26,188
3 Months ended March, 1950	18,230	1,102	195,425	25,967

